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ARRIVALS.

July 3, NAKA, British steamer, 869, T. G. ...

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1886.

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G. R. LAMBERT,

Hongkong, 29th June, 1886.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1896.

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HONGKONG, JULY 5th, 1896.

EARL GRANVILLE'S representation to the
War Office with reference to the fortifications
is not really what the community of Hong-
kong would have wished it to be. Having
by the commitment not to the patriotism
and liberality of the Colony, we come rather
really important part of the letter, which is
contained in the third paragraph: "The
Lordship feels that Mr. CAMPBELL
BARNERMAN will agree with him that it will
not be possible to ask the Colony to vote any
further sum on account of these particular
works; he trusts therefore that directions
will be given to the officers charged with the
expenditure to see that the sum voted is not
exceeded, making reductions if necessary
in order to secure the desired object." The
position which ought to be taken up on be-
half of this Colony is not that the scheme
of fortification should be refused if the sum
already voted is not sufficient to pay for the
work, but that the Colony has already con-
tributed the utmost her resources will
reasonably admit of and that the balance of
the cost should be borne by Imperial funds.
No one has yet been found to say that the
scheme of fortification is beyond the require-
ments of the case, while there certainly are
some who are of opinion it is inadequate;
a suggestion, therefore, that the works
should be reduced is not an agreeable one.

Among the four ports opened to foreign
trade under the Chefoo Convention Wuhu
has taken the first place, and its trade
has gone on increasing steadily. The total
value of its trade in 1895 was £1,397,357.
In 1894 it was £885,499, and in 1895 it
was £1,255,380. It was an essentially pro-
sperous port for Wuhu, and the increase of
some 35 per cent. in its trade was divided
amongst foreign imports and native produce
exported. There was a fair increase in Piece
Goods, and the import of foreign opium was
very large, amounting to 4,850 chests, making
Wuhu one of the heaviest consumers
amongst the Treaty ports of this coast. This,
however, is hardly likely to continue, as the
native importers took successful steps to
evade the payment of duties, a state of things,
as Mr. Commissioner HUGHES remarks, which
cannot long endure, as the Authorities will
soon manage to put a stop to such evasion
of duty. The most remarkable feature in
last year's exports was the large increase in
the rice trade, the total quantity shipped
being 1,204,502 piculs, or more than four
times the amount exported in 1894. There is
no doubt that the large demand from
Kwangtung, owing to the inundations and
famine in that province, helped considerably
to swell the export from Wuhu, but that
fact and the exemption of most of the grain
shipped to Canton from duty do not, in Mr.
HUGHES'S opinion, sufficiently account for the
selection of Wuhu as the port of
shipment instead of Chinkiang, where, judging
from a precedent, the rice should have
been shipped. Mr. HUGHES adds his
belief that the Wuhu rice trade now stands

on a firm basis. In spite of the large in-
crease in trade at Wuhu, no foreign firms
have yet been established, and the excellent
site, with deep water frontage all the year
round selected for the foreign settlement still
remains unused. On this point Mr. HUGHES
says: "This site, the only advantageous
one in the neighbourhood, still lies idle,
while money is being sunk by native spec-
ulators in the building of warehouses at
various points higher up the river where
wharves are an impossibility, and where the
employment of boats for shipment adds
considerably to the cost and inconvenience
of trade." A splendid opening presents itself
to any enterprising firm which will avail
itself of opportunity, now lying unheeded,
of gaining a considerable share in a trade
which has already exceeded seven millions
of dollars, and is capable of still greater
expansion. The foreign firms in China were
so woefully disappointed with the results
following the opening of Hankow and other
ports in 1861 that they looked askance at
the ports opened under the Chefoo Conven-
tion. It seems a pity, however, that some
of them should prospect Wuhu. It would
appear to offer a rich reward for enterprise,
as it is most favourably situated for the
development of an extensive trade with the
rich country lying inland.

The statement of the Provincial Judge of
Canton gives a vivid picture of the condition
of disorder existing in Kwangtung. Open agri-
culture is of frequent occurrence and are attended
with immolation, murder, and pillage.
Open resistance is offered to the troops sent
to restore order, and even the highways are
blocked. In Hongkong we are accustomed
to ascribe anything in the nature of a riot to
the machinations of the Triad Society, pos-
sibly correct, though the connection does
not always clearly appear. It is worthy of
note that the Provincial Judge does not once
mention secret societies as being amongst
the causes of the disorder he describes, but
attributes it solely to the control exercised
by the heads of clans over the other mem-
bers, who follow their leaders' dictation and
obey their summons even in the most trivial
matters. In Hongkong no less than in the
neighbouring province, the mass of the Chi-
nese population is under the domination of
head men, the persons hailing from each dis-
trict having their own separate organization.
The Triad Society is a mischievous body
there can be no doubt, but in ascribing to it
all the disorders that occur it is, we think,
more than possible that the Police often get
off the true scent. According to the Pro-
vincial Treasurer, "though nominally the
fight is between the two clans at enmity, it
is, in a matter of fact, waged by local ruffians,
salt smugglers, pirates and a certain class
of ignorant desperados, versed in the use of
the 'long market' who are hired by each
clan for the occasion." All of which is an
approximate accurate description of some
of the outbreaks that have occurred in
Hongkong, except that the use of the "long
market" has happily not figured largely in
our local conditions. The remedy the Canton
Judge suggests for the state of things he
describes is "in brief, the issue of powers to
the authorities to interfere and suppress disor-
der on all offenders when they are ar-
rested, irrespective of the fact whether they are
principals or accessories, and, in the event of
resistance to authority being displayed, to
beat the offenders free from blame for any
persons that may be killed in the struggle."

Lastly, that no penalties shall be inflicted
upon the local authorities who honestly re-
port the occurrence of faction fights in their
jurisdictions." The necessary powers for
summary decapitation have been granted,
and are applied not only in cases of clan
fights, but for other crimes, as witness the
recent executions at Kwanton. This summary
decapitation is not a method which can be
employed for the repression of disorder
under our more humane laws, but the state-
ment of the Provincial Judge shows clearly
that in dealing with the disease of which
a large part of the population of Hongkong is
made up, severity and firmness in the ad-
ministration of the laws are essentially re-
quisite. It is commonly supposed that the
Chinese are by nature a law-abiding race,
and that when disturbances break out it is
owing to some fault in the Government. Of
China as a whole this is the main trait, but
the following description by the Provincial
Judge of the people of the neighbouring
province shows that they are an exception to
the rule: "The people of the Canton pro-
vince are by nature violent and choleric, and
for an angry look, some petty grievance,
or a trifling dispute about land, they will
rush to fight for them and appeal to the
arbitration of arms without waiting for a
legal decision of their dispute." Such are
the people whom the Hongkong Government
has to deal with.

The French cruiser *Primaugue* was in the
Yangtze above Wuhu on the 24th ult.

The Italian cruiser *Repubblica*, Captain Cavallotti,
left Foochow on the 24th ult. for Shanghai.

The opening of Cux Dey and Nam Diah in
Tonquin to foreign trade is notified in the
Government Gazette.

The British gunboat *Midge*, Commander R.
Billard, left Amoy on the morning of the 28th
ult. for Foochow.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that post and
telegraph offices are now open at Quatzi,
Annan, and Sochin, Tonquin.

The weather report of the Government An-
tismooner for the month of February last is
published as a supplement to Saturday's *Gazette*.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Ball & Co.)
inform us that the steamer *Sikh*, from Glasgow
and Liverpool, sailed from Singapore on Satur-
day afternoon for this port.

The American corvette *Marion*, flagship of
Admiral Davis, returned to Shanghai on the
28th ult. from the Yangtze, and will probably
remain there for the next two months.

The British steamer *Diamond*, which arrived
here yesterday from Manila, brought on Captain
Walker and officers and 29 of the crew of the
late steamer *Compton*, which was lost on a reef
near Manila.

Yesterday was the 110th anniversary of the
Declaration of American Independence, but as it
fell on Sunday there was no official celebration.
One or two vessels in harbour, however, dressed
ship in honour of the occasion.

After telegraphing to the Swedish Govern-
ment the intelligence of the death of Mr. O. de
Lagerheim, late Consul-General for Sweden and
Norway in China, Mr. Joseph H. Campbell, of
the Consulate-General, has assumed charge of the
Consulate-General of Sweden and Norway, a
special instruction of His Swedish Majesty's
Foreign Office.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire)
inform us that the O. S. S. steamer *Amoy*,
chartered from Liverpool, left Singapore yester-
day afternoon for this port, and will arrive at
Singapore on Sunday, the 4th ult.

The German steamer *Balkenburg*, which was
late in collision with the German steamer
China at Swatow, arrived at Shanghai on the
28th ult. for repairs, and has gone into the Old
Dock. It is stated that her repair will cost about
\$5,000.

Ordinance Nos. 6 and 8 of 1896, being respec-
tively "The Printers and Publishers Ordi-
nances" and "The Trade Marks Ordinance"
Amendment Ordinance, have, it is announced,
been laid before Her Majesty's confirmation and allowance.

On Saturday Mr. W. M. Dune, Captain
Superintendent of Police, left here by the P. M.
steamer *City of Peking*, for Yokohama, on a three
months' leave of absence. Major T. C. Dempster,
Adjutant of the Police Force, has assumed ap-
pointed duty at Yokohama.

Telegraphic intelligence has been received by
the British Consul at Canton that the Bank of
China, Limited, that there has been a satis-
factory meeting of shareholders of the Bank in
London, at which a dividend at the rate of 5 per
cent. per annum was declared for the past half
year.

A Port Darwin paper says: "Webber, cap-
tain, and Fotheringham, third officer of the
steamer *Lygon*, have both been committed for
trial for murder and manslaughter, and are being
brought to Hongkong. The captain admits that
the course he gave the third officer was too
close in shore. The company's rule provided
that the steamer should not go closer than two miles
from land."

The Emperor Kwang Si, according to the
Singapore Free Press, has issued a decree that
the Emperor's Throne is to be held by his
foundation and pedestal made of gold, silver, and
consequently the seat of the Emperor is to be
made of gold, silver, and copper. The Emperor
has ordered that the throne be made of gold,
silver, and copper, and that the throne be made
of gold, silver, and copper.

The *Norfolk* and *Wentworth* have the follow-
ing: "A carefully prepared estimate of the
relative contributions to the revenue of the
Colony, through the medium of the Customs
House, shows that the Chinese population con-
tributed about 64 per cent. per annum, while the
European population contributed about 36 per cent.
per annum. The estimate shows that the Chinese
population is the main source of revenue to the
Colony, and that the European population is
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